

TINKER WAS NOT FIRED BY CLUB

Attache Disgorges Some Inside Facts—Lot of Opinions Upset.

HERRMAN NOT OWNER

Fleischmann Brothers Now Full Owners of Cincinnati Baseball Club.

(By Monty.)

New York, Dec. 20.—The Cincinnati club of the National League is not owned by August Herrmann, otherwise known as Garry, and Joe Tinker was not fired from the managerial job by Herrmann. The inside history of the Reds during the last few months has been learned from one of the trusted attaches of the club who attended the annual meeting of the National League in New York last week, and some of the facts he disgorge will upset a lot of opinions held by Cincinnati fans.

The present owners of the Reds are Julius Fleischmann and his brother Max. Julius is a former Mayor of Cincinnati. They had been interested financially in the Reds for several years past, but the deal by which they obtained absolute control of the club was not put through until the last few weeks of the past season. Herrmann, who still is president of the club, will remain in that office as long as he wishes—unless he refuses to do the bidding of his bosses. He now is only a figure head, being retained in the position of president largely because of his prominent reputation in baseball affairs and his long service rendered to organized ball as chairman of the National Commission—a job he has held so long that it would be hard to think of anybody else holding it.

As soon as the Fleischmanns obtained the full control of the club last summer, Max Fleischmann insisted that Harry Stephens, a friend of his and associate in certain affairs in Cincinnati, be made secretary of the club, a position that he, Max, once held. Stephens not only was secretary in the usual sense of the term as applied to a baseball club, but he was instructed to act as a sleuth or "spotter," a job that never existed on any other big league club. Stephens was ordered to gumshoe around and keep his ears open for gossip, and to report everything he saw or heard to the Fleischmanns. When Joe Tinker finally learned of this through friends who had been tipped off about it, he waxed hot under the collar but said nothing in particular.

In the last weeks of the season, a story came out of Cincinnati about a rupture between Tinker and the Reds' business management which caused the prediction that he was to be let out. The details of that trouble have not been told yet. The story was spread by Brother Max Fleischmann "bawling out" Tinker at Redland Park one day because Tinker made some managerial move in the game that did not suit Max's ideas of how baseball should be played. Tinker told Max to "go to, etc.," not knowing that Max was one of his secret bosses. Fleischmann was incensed and swore to himself that he would "get Tinker." And, as every fan knows now, he "got Tinker." It was Max's ire entirely that caused the dismissal of the manager.

The new owners of the Reds are a queer pair, Max Fleischmann is a baseball "flend" and thinks he knows as much about baseball as any man alive. In addition to believing that he has uncanny ability to size up a baseball situation and apply the remedy. For several years past he has gone East during midsummer to run a baseball club in the Adirondack mountains in New York State. He lines up a bunch of professional players under assumed names and turns them loose against the semi-professional or amateur lines of the other hotels of rivals, who are outclassed. Then Max smiles around accepting "modestly" the compliments of those who declare him a wonderful manager.

Julius Fleischmann is a "sport" of the dyed-in-the-wool variety, and particularly a race horse sport. During the good old days of the fame on New York he and Frank Farrell, now owner of the New York American League baseball club, were partners in the ownership of several first class thoroughbreds, and most famous of which was Blues, by Sir Dixon out of Bonnie Blue II.

Speaking of the Fleischmanns and racing recalls the notoriety acquired by William R. Fleischmann, a cousin of the brothers, at the Saratoga track in 1906, when he "ran out" on the book makers for \$4,000, finally settling with the aid of his relatives, at a rate of 25 cents on the dollar. The Cincinnati club has had a rocky history. It was a charter member of the National League in 1876, with J. L. Keck as its president. He

served two years and was succeeded by J. M. W. Neff, who was president in 1878 and 1879, when Justus Thorner became the head of the club. On October 6 of this year, 1880, the club was expelled from the League for failure to observe the rules, agreements and requirements of the league.

During the ensuing decade Cincinnati was without National League ball. But in 1890 a new Cincinnati club was organized, with A. S. Stern as its president, and elected to membership in the league. The following year John T. Brush of Indianapolis was made president, serving for twelve years, ending in 1902, when he became president of the New York Giants, which position he occupied at time of his death last year. When Brush left Cincinnati August Herrmann, the present figurehead, was made president of the club, serving from 1903 to the present time.

WHY ENGLISH ROWING FAILS IN AMERICA

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 20.—Just why the English system of rowing will never be practical for American colleges is explained by James C. Rice, seven years coach of the Columbia crew, in an article in the Yale News. He says American boys take up rowing too late in life for the British stroke.

"The English method of rowing has to be taught from boyhood," says Rice. "We don't have the time for that here. In England it usually takes two years to get off the fixed seat, whereas here they put them on a sliding seat right away. With the case of Yale, for instance, it is necessary to get a bunch of freshmen rowing in May with the English stroke. In England they don't get a chance to race for two or three years.

"It is possible with this long system of training to produce a crew having the English stroke, that will do good work. I have seen some good crews in England. The Leander crew, which was composed of crack oarsmen, some of them Oxford men, must have been a wonder to row the Henley course in the record time of six minutes and fifty seconds.

"At Princeton this fall I saw the Yale crew in action. They seemed to blend too much and didn't get the work outboard. The Yale crew were big, husky men, but did not seem able to apply the power at the proper time. They weren't used to the rig.

"The American system of rowing is altogether different; it is far ahead in training and in rigging. Just as good boats are built in America as in England.

"Harvard has had enough of the English stroke. Mr. Lehmann came here from England to teach Harvard in 1897-1898. That year Harvard was badly beaten by Yale rowing the American stroke."

Sleds are the right price at Lowe's.

ENGLAND'S CHAMPION JOCKEY TO RETIRE

London, Dec. 20.—Much regret is felt here in racing and sporting circles at the news of the early retirement of Frank Wootton, England's champion jockey. He is only 26 years old and there was without doubt a big future before him. He says the reason for his retirement is two-fold: one is his excessive and increasing weight and the other is a surplus at his bank. He thinks either of joining his father in ranching in Australia, where he first saw the light, or starting in as a trainer with Mr. Hulton, who runs the Treadwell House stable. He says the betting is on the latter.

Wootton's record is a remarkable one. He could ride like a trooper when other lads of his age were struggling how to spell c-a-t. Before he was 19 he had ridden a winner. He posed as a "gentleman jock" in South Africa and in eight years he rode 832 winners, the biggest total being 187 in 1911. He topped the jockey table four years in succession and twice had the best average, Maher, the ex-American rider, gaining it on the other two occasions. Swynford in the St. Leger and Perola in the Oaks at Epsom are Wootton's sole classic winners.

The disappointment of his life was the loss of the Derby on Shogun this year, that horse being disqualified. Wootton also won the Grand Prix de Paris on M. Fould's Houli in 1912, for which he received \$10,000 and \$500 for expenses, the biggest fee he ever touched in one race.

SHAMROCK IV TO BE EXTREME TYPE

London, England, Dec. 20.—All though the Shamrock IV, the new yacht with which Sir Thomas Lip-ton hopes to regain the International yacht trophy from America next summer, is being constructed in the utmost secrecy, it is known that she

CARPENTER HAILED AS WHITE HOPE BY PARIS ADMIRERS



(George Carpenter, the speedy French and English middleweight champion.)
Paris, Dec. 20.—Elated over his sensational one-round victory over Bombardier Wells, Parisian pugilistic fans are hailing Georges Carpenter, champion middleweight of France and England, as the only real white hope. While they grudgingly concede that the dapper Frenchman is not yet big enough to challenge Jack Johnson, the negro incumbent of the heavyweight throne, the French fight followers believe that their idol is developing so

rapidly that he will be in a position to challenge the big black within a year's time. Carpenter is without doubt a clever boxer and his knock-out record is substantiated evidence of his punching ability.

Carpenter is thinking seriously of invading America to take on the best of his weights in the states and thus acquire more experience before he graduates into the heavyweight division. Carpenter has expressed the desire to engage in a bout with George Chipp, the middleweight who knocked out Frank Klaus several weeks ago.

THREE CHANGES IN YALE'S SCHEDULE

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 20.—Three changes in Yale's athletic schedule for next year have already taken place. Both Trinity and Wesleyan have turned down the Yale offers of football games, and for the first time in many years, Yale's baseball team will not be seen in the first pre-season game at the New York Polo grounds with the Giants. No professional teams will be played by the Yale nine this year.

The Wesleyan athletic council gives as its reason for dropping the Yale game, the severity of the early cold in the Wesleyan players. Yale started the series with Wesleyan in 1883 and has so far played forty games. Wesleyan has never beaten or tied Yale and in the entire series Yale has scored 1805 points to Wesleyan's 12. In only three games has Wesleyan been able to score. Since 1899 the Wesleyan game has always been the opening contest on the Yale schedule.

Trinity was actuated by the same reason as Wesleyan in declining to accept the Yale game this year. Athletic diversion at Yale is not alone confined to the men on the various teams, as recent statistics compiled on the subject show that 1708 students out of a registration of 3263 took part in some form of exercise in the present year.

BOSTON BRAVES TO HAVE NEW GROUNDS

Boston, Mass., Dec. 20.—Until well into the middle of the coming baseball season the Boston Braves will play on the Red Sox grounds at Fenway park. President Gaffney of the Braves has completed arrangements for the erection of a grandstand at the South End grounds, the work to begin on March 1. The new seating outfit will be of concrete, cement and steel and will probably require four and a half months to build.

JOHNSON FIGHTS WITH BROKEN ARM

Paris, Dec. 20.—Jack Johnson, the heavyweight champion, and "Batling" Jim Johnson, another colored pugilist, of Galveston, Tex., met in a ten round contest here last night which ended in a draw. The spectators loudly protested throughout that the men were not fighting and demanded their money back. Many of them left the hall. The organizers of the fight explained the fiasco by asserting that Jack

Johnson's left arm was broken in the third round.

There is no confirmation of a report that Jack Johnson had been stabbed and no evidence at the ringside of such an accident. During the first three rounds he was obviously playing with his opponent. After that it was observed that he was using only his right hand.

When the fight was over he complained that his arm had been injured. Doctors who made an examination certified to a slight fracture of the radius of the left arm. The general opinion is that his arm was injured in a wrestling match early in the week and that a blow tonight caused the fracture of the bone.

Jack Johnson wasn't the first man of his color to reach top notch pugilism by any means. The roll of great negro fighters is a long one. Some contend that the negro is a better natural born boxer than the white man. At any rate their bullet heads stand them in good stead when going over a long route in the ring.

There was Peter Jackson, the wonderful George Dixon, Joe Walcott and the much feared Sam Gans, who died recently, while Sam Langford and Joe Jeannette might also be mentioned here. Three of the colored fighters have been world's champions.

Peter Jackson started the history of high-class negro pugilism. He was in his prime when John L. Sullivan ruled the heavyweight division. John L. at various times refused steadfastly to meet a man of another color, leaving the contest of those who think Jackson the better man really outside the bounds of argument. It may be mentioned, however, that James J. Corbett was pretty lucky to gain a draw after 61 rounds of terrific sledding with the negro, and this same Corbett was later the man to take the terrible Sullivan's measure. Besides, Jackson gave the great Joe Choynski a trouncing and Choynski never was to be defeated.

It would be the hardest thing in the world to decide which was the greatest fighter, George Dixon or Joe Gans, for they were members of different classes. "Little Chocolate" was a wonderfully clever boy and in his remarkably long string of battles he fought everybody that could be stacked against him. Perhaps the most notable of his achievements were in battles against the man who many contend was the cleverest boxer that ever put on a pair of gloves, "Young" Griffo. Twice they met in the ring, club.

HIGH CLASS HORSES FOR SEPT. RACES

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 20.—Fifty-seven nominations have been received for stakes subscribed for by the owners' fund to be run on the Jockey club track next September in the courses of the State fair.

This event promises to be one of the most interesting in eastern racing circles, and some high class horses are entered. With a subscription fee of \$50 and another fee of \$50 for starters and the added \$500 for a weight for age event for three-year-olds and upwards, it is quite likely that the stakes for first running will total over \$10,000. The distance is a mile and a quarter.

Four of the stakes are for two-year-olds and that the racing among the youngsters promises to be keen is shown by the fact that they have received more than double the number of nominations than four similar stakes for three-year-olds. James Butler, who purchased most of the yearlings from the Keene estate, is the largest nominator, and though some of his coming two-year-olds have been sent to Juarez for the winter campaign, some of the best have been kept here, while the best performers in Mexico will be brought back for the local meetings. The stakes which are designated by letters, will be awarded to the different racing associations when the dates are arranged by the Jockey club.

CURIOSITY KILLED A CAT

